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Nov. 17, 1917.

Prof. James Davies,  
Folwell Hall 211.

My dear Mr. Davies:

The Board of Directors has asked you to act as Chairman of the Entertainment Committee of the Campus Club for the year. The other members of your committee are Professors Buck and Carlyle Scott.

Sincerely yours,

*A. H. Scott*  
Secretary.

Copy to Prof. Buck.

Copy to Prof. Scott.

November 24, 1917

My dear Mr. Davies:-

I have received from the secretary of the Campus Club a note to the effect that I have been appointed as a member of the Entertainment Committee of which you are chairman.

After some hesitation I decided to accept. The reason for my hesitation was that so far as I have been able to observe, the entertainment committee in past years has usually laid down on the job. I am in hopes, however, that you will call the committee together in the near future, and see if we can't start something worth while.

Sincerely yours

Professor James Davies  
Folwell Hall 211  
University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Campus Club

The University of Minnesota  
College of Science, Literature, and the Arts  
Minneapolis

Dec - 3. 1917

DEPARTMENT OF GERMAN

My dear Mr Beck:-

I would like to  
have a meeting of the  
Entertainment Comm.  
on Wed. of this week. Can  
you meet after lunch at  
the Campus Club on that  
day? Kindly drop me  
a line or call me up.

Sincerely  
James Davies.

JUL 25 1917

FOOTE BLOCK  
TELEPHONE MAIN 53

RICHARD V. CARPENTER  
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW  
SEC'TY, BOONE COUNTY ABSTRACT CO.  
MASTER IN CHANCERY

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BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS.

July 23, 1917.

Mr. Solon J. Buck,  
Springfield, Illinois.

Dear Sir:-

Permit me to thank you for the pleasure derived from reading your very interesting and valuable work on "Illinois in 1818". I was particularly interested in the part concerning the Constitutional Convention, as I studied those proceedings with some care at the time the journal was printed by the State Historical Society. Your investigation concerning the campaign which lead up to the election of members throws great light upon the convention.

I value your book more highly than any of those which the society has printed, although I have most of the others and think a great deal of them. The work should be studied by every citizen interested in our early history.

Yours very truly,

*R. V. Carpenter.*

RVC\*EB

July 25, 1917

Mr. Richard V. Carpenter  
Foots Block  
Belvidere, Illinois

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of July 3, and appreciate very much the courtesy which prompted you to write it. It is, of course, very gratifying to me to know that people are finding the book interesting and useful.

In connection with the chapter which you mention on the Framing of the Constitution, I regret very much that the editorial policy required an elimination and consolidation of the footnote references to such an extent that the investigator will find it difficult, if not impossible, to check up my statements with the Journal of the Convention.

Sincerely yours

FEB 19 1917

Palo Alto, Calif.  
Feb. 14, 1917.

Mr. S.J. Buck,  
St. Paul, Minn.,  
Dear Sir:

At the instance of E.E. Robinson, history department, Stanford University, I am writing you to learn if know of anybody in the field of history who is working on Populism? Do you know of any diaries or journals kept by prominent Populists during the nineties? It is possible that men like Peffer, Allen and Kyle have left valuable family papers concerning that period. At present I am chiefly interested in the Populists of the middle west. Thanking you for your trouble in this matter I remain,

Very truly yours,

*C. D. Carus*

March 1, 1917

Mr. C. D. Carus

Palo Alto, Cal.

Dear Sir:-

I received your letter of February 14 inquiring about the possibilities of historical work on Populism. So far as I know no one has done or is doing at present a thorough piece of work on this subject. It was treated to some extent in Haynes' Third Parties in the United States since the Civil War. What I think of this <sup>book</sup>, you can doubtless gather from my review of it in the January issue of the American Historical Review.

I am myself working on a brief popular book, dealing with the political aspects of the agrarian movements from the close of the Civil War to 1896. This will have to be a superficial treatment, however, and would not in the least interfere with a thorough study of the populist movement.

There is a considerable mass of valuable manuscript material available, although I do not happen to know anything about the papers of the particular men whom you mention. The Minnesota Historical Society possesses the papers of Ignatius Donnelly, numbering over fifty thousand. The Wisconsin Historical Society has a very large collection of Weller papers, and I understand that the Weaver papers are still in existence in Iowa. There is also a very large amount of newspaper material which should be consulted, the files in the library of the Wisconsin Historical Society being presumably the most extensive. Our library has the Minnesota papers published during the populist era.

I am quite sure that you would find the subject a pleasant and profitable one for historical investigation and there would certainly be no lack of material.

Sincerely yours

July 10<sup>th</sup> 1917

NOISY POINT,  
COTUIT, MASS.

Dear Dr. Bush -

I have just finished  
reading your Gershwin  
Flags letters - in preparation  
of my fifth volume,  
"The West + the Jacksonian  
Democracy." You have  
done an admirable  
+ most useful bit of  
editing - I only wish

I could find more  
letters + editing of the  
same kind for other  
western states.

Possibly this from  
your quondam instructor  
will interest you -

Very truly yours  
Edward Channing.

October 22, 1917

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of a copy of your paper entitled "The Dream of a Northwestern Confederacy", a separate from the Proceedings of the Wisconsin Historical Society. I am glad to have this in separate form and want to thank you for your courtesy in sending it to me.

Very truly yours

Mr. W. C. Cochran  
245 Gilman St.,  
Cincinnati, Ohio

May 19, 1917

Miss Louise E. Coe  
East Sanford Hall  
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Miss Coe:-

Miss Stewart, who has been collecting the fee from the Phi Beta Kappa initiates at the University Library for me, informs me that she has not received the payment from you as yet, although I understand that you accepted the election and were initiated.

I am anxious to close up the accounts before the end of the college year, and will appreciate it very much, therefore, if you will at your earliest convenience, either send a check for five dollars directly to me or will pay it to Miss Stewart in Mr. Gerould's office at the library.

Very truly yours

Treasurer Alpha Minnesota Chapter  
Phi Beta Kappa

February 2, 1916

Dean L. D. Coffman  
University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mr. Coffman:-

Some time ago I spoke to Dean Ford about the possibility of getting Professor Charles F. Kelley, the head of the department of art at Ohio State University, to give a course of six special lectures at the University of Minnesota during the summer session. Mr. Ford thought the suggestion a very good one and said he would pass it on to you. You doubtless remember Kelley at the University of Illinois. He gave the first three of these lectures there during the winter of 1913-14 and repeated them in the following summer school. I had the pleasure of hearing them and considered them decidedly valuable, especially to one who is a layman in art matters.

At Ohio State Kelley has made good distinctly, and has built up a department which is doing work of real University quality. Recently he prepared a report for the United States Bureau of Education on "Art Instruction in Colleges and Universities". He expects to give this course of six special lectures at Ohio State during the coming summer session, and I believe it would be well

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worth while to have him give them here if it can be  
arranged.

I will appreciate it if you will let me know what  
the prospects are for making such an arrangement.

Sincerely yours

The University of Minnesota

College of Education

Minneapolis

February 21, 1916.

My dear Professor:

Believing that the appointments work which has heretofore been directed entirely by the Department of Education was really a matter of general university interest, President Vincent has appointed a University Committee consisting of Dean Frankforter, Professor Grey, Professor Brooke, Professor Lusk, and myself to have charge of this work. This Committee expects to limit its efforts primarily to securing appointments for teachers. All students who have met the requirements for a teachers certificate and who desire to use the offices of the University Committee on Appointments will be required to register with this Committee, Wednesday, February 16th, or as soon thereafter as practicable. One of the items of information which these students will be expected to furnish will be the instructors with whom they have done work. We shall then solicit certain confidential information from the instructors concerning the candidates.

We are sending a letter to every superintendent in this state informing him of the nature and purpose of the work of this Committee and we are asking the superintendents to notify us of vacancies. We also plan to ask the superintendents to give us a rating some time next year upon the teachers whom we place with them. It seems to us that it is a part of the business of the University Committee on Appointments to keep in touch with the students whom it places.

In order to facilitate the work of the Committee it is suggested that all notices of vacancies in teaching be filed with the Committee. We have been embarrassed somewhat recently by a half a dozen persons on the faculty recommending half a dozen different students for the same position. Had the notice of the vacancy come directly to the Appointments Committee, this confusion would not have arisen and we should have been more likely to have placed our candidate. We hope, therefore, that representatives of the faculty of the University of Minnesota will not write personal letters recommending candidates unless they at the same time notify the Appointments Committee of their action.

At the close of the year we propose to prepare a detailed and comprehensive report to be filed with the University Senate.

In order to carry on our work satisfactorily, we have appointed Mr. Harold Sontag as Secretary of the Committee. All requests for further information should be directed to Mr. Sontag who will have this office in Room 103, Education Building, or to the Chairman of the Committee.

Cordially yours,

Lotus D. Coffman.

Chairman Appointments  
Committee.

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The University of Minnesota  
College of Education  
Minneapolis

February 7, 1916.

Professor Solon J. Buck  
State Historical Society  
State Capitol  
St. Paul Minn.

My dear Mr. Buck:

Thank you for your letter concerning Professor Charles F. Kelly. I hope we may have him for some lectures during the summer session.

Cordially yours

*Lotus D. Coffman*

The University of Minnesota  
College of Education  
Minneapolis

May 15, 1916.

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

Professor Solon J. Buck

University of Minnesota

My dear Professor Buck:

We feel that we cannot invite Professor Kelly to lecture during the summer session. Our finances are so low that it is not safe to spend any large sums for outside lecturers.

Yours very truly

*Lucas D. Coffman*

October 11, 1916

Dr. Arthur C. Cole,  
University of Illinois,  
Urbana, Illinois.

Dear Cole:-

Quite a number of letters of Illinois people, which might be of value in the preparation of the Centennial History, are listed in the catalog of "American Autographs Historical and Literary", issued by George D. Smith, 547, 5th Ave., New York City. You could doubtless secure a copy of this catalog, if you do not already have one, by writing to Mr. Smith.

Sincerely yours,

August 9, 1917

Dr. Arthur C. Cole  
Illinois Centennial Commission  
Urbana, Ill.

Dear Cole:-

I want to thank you for your very satisfactory letter about Miss Saunders. My impression now is that she is the best available candidate, but I have got to go over the list more thoroughly before making a final decision.

As you surmise, the history department at the University of Minnesota is pretty badly disrupted, and there does not seem to be much prospect of any stable arrangement at present. I do not know all of the ins and outs of the situation, but it is my understanding that no attempt will be made to fill Becker's place until the situation clears up somewhat. Ford is in Washington at present with the Committee on Public Information, and has not decided as yet whether or not he will return in the fall.

Dr. Lester B. Shippee, who has been at Brown for a year or two, has been given a temporary appointment to carry the general course in American history next year, but nothing has been done about Stevens' place, and I would not be surprised if the decision was to make use of graduate assistants to handle the work.

I shall keep in mind your suggestion about the situation at Illinois and pass it on to the powers that be, when there is an opportunity.

Sincerely yours

September 25, 1917

Dr. Arthur C. Cole  
University of Illinois  
Urbana, Illinois

Dear Cole:-

As you may possibly have heard, we are expecting to appoint a librarian for the Minnesota Historical Society very shortly. In spite of your letter of a few weeks ago, from which I gathered that you would not be averse to leaving Illinois, I did not think that it was of any use to consider you in this connection, for we cannot possibly offer more than eighteen hundred dollars.

I offered the position to a Cornell man who is teaching in a small college in Iowa, but much to my surprise he writes that the college authorities refuse to release him, and so he cannot accept. There is a possibility that he may decide to leave anyway, but in the meantime, I am going over the list of available people once more.

It occurs to me that there might be a bare possibility of your being interested in a combination arrangement between the society and the University of Minnesota, if such an arrangement could be worked out. The History department at the University has some money available, as Stevens' place will probably not be filled except by an assistant and, therefore, there might be a possibility of securing five or six hundred dollars for teaching one advanced course in the University. This would bring the total up to twenty-three or twenty-four hundred.

Unfortunately the other members of the department have not yet returned, as the University does not open until week after next. Consequently I cannot tell what the department would be willing to do in this connection. In case this arrangement appeals to you at all as a possibility from your point of view, I would be glad to postpone a decision until a meeting of the department can be held.

I ought to explain a little more fully the character of our position of librarian. Under the by-laws the superintendent has charge of all of the activities of the society. I have found, however, that the administration of the library, together with my University work, leaves me very little time for editorial and research work.

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It is the intention, therefore, that the management of the library will, in large part, be turned over to the new librarian. We hoped at first to secure for this position a man with training both in history and library science. Failing in that we considered people with library training alone, and finally came to the conclusion that it would be better to take a man with historical training and let him develop his library science as he went along.

As you know we are about to move into our new building, and the first work of the librarian would be to assist in that operation and in re-organizing the library. He would have general charge of the reference and order and exchange work, but need not have any particular knowledge of the technical side of cataloguing, as we have a very efficient head cataloguer. It is my expectation that after a year or two, the librarian would have things running so smoothly that he would be able to devote considerable time to bibliography and research problems. In comparing this position with a teaching position, it should be borne in mind, of course, that the vacation is only one month instead of three or more.

I may say that on the whole, I feel very doubtful about the possibility of your being willing to even consider turning to the field of library work, but the idea occurred to me and I could not be satisfied without writing to you about it. Please let me hear from you as soon as convenient, for if there isn't any possibility of your considering the position, I want to come to terms with some of the other candidates.

Sincerely yours

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September 28, 1917.

Dear Buck: -

I have your letter of the 25th and have tried to go over the matter of your offer. I find myself unable, however, to get a clear line on just what could be done for me and just what opportunities the situation would open.

At this late date with two weeks of our university work already accomplished, it would be very difficult for me to pull up stakes. Greene has not been specific as to University policy on the matter of releases nor as to his own attitude, but has hinted that I would find it difficult to get away during the first semester. This reflects his strong anxiety about the Centennial History and my obligations to the Commission in connection with my volume which must be finished within the following months. This raises the question as to whether it is imperative that your appointment be made at once.

As to the work in question and the compensation for it, I should want a much more definite understanding. The routine of library work would not make a very strong appeal to me but what you say about opportunities for research is more attractive. I should like

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to know, too, what the chances might be of working over into the University line. I should want a very tangible connection with the University through teaching work and my hope would be that, unless the library work grew more and more attractive, I might gradually transfer my energies to that field.

Doubtless you will feel that I am looking at this matter entirely from my own angle, as is fairly inevitable. The attractions of the Minnesota environment are very strong; I have always hoped that fate might carry me in that direction. But the University here in a general atmosphere of retrenchment saw fit to promote me to an assistant professorship, <sup>at \$2,000</sup> this summer, which leaves me in a position to consider all elements involved in a new location. Could you drop a friendly hint as to whether in the event of securing another man as your librarian, the chaotic situation <sup>in</sup> at the Minnesota history department might develop to my advantage?

I appreciate very much your thoughtfulness in making this offer and hope to secure the information which will make a decision more simple.

Very sincerely,

Arthur C. Cole

October 1, 1917

Dr. Arthur C. Cole  
University of Illinois  
Urbana, Illinois

Dear Cole:-

In view of your promotion and increase in salary, I do not think it would be worth your while to consider anything which we could possibly offer you at the present time, particularly with the uncertainties as to the future. We will have to secure someone, moreover, within a few weeks, and it would probably be impossible for you to make so sudden a change. I had supposed that your work on the Centennial history was practically completed.

With reference to the possibilities in the history department at the University, I can only say that things are very much up in the air, and will probably remain so for at least a year. We ought to have two men in American history besides myself, but I do not know how soon we will get them. Some of the members of the department are strongly in favor of trying to get an older man, with an outstanding reputation, as full professor.

I hope that I may have an opportunity to see you in Philadelphia in December, and talk things over with you.

Sincerely yours

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Prof. S. J. Beck,  
Saint Paul, Minn.  
Dear Beck: -

October 6, 1917.

I have your letter of the first and think that your analysis of the situation is the correct one. I very much appreciate your thoughtfulness in bearing me in mind. I can only hope that the future may open to me some opportunity of playing a part in the reconstruction of your American history courses at Minnesota. I realize the <sup>strength of the</sup> desire to secure an <sup>older</sup> man of established reputation; such men, however, are usually pretty well settled and unwilling to shift except with extraordinary inducement. I suppose that is unfortunate for the work at Minnesota that the Beck arrangement fell through <sup>in</sup> so short a time.

We are running along in the thick of things here. History registration in elementary courses is heavier than ever but advanced courses are elected by fewer than ever. The department unanimously selected me <sup>last spring</sup> to give the 'methods' course, History 103, required of all graduate ~~state~~ students; this was Ford's old course, since given by Lybster with some dissatisfaction by members of the department. We have nine or ten master's

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Candidates, including some good and some very poor stuff. We have only a few more advanced students as practically all of our appointees to fellowships and scholarships resigned or were unable to accept.

Alvord is picking up steadily. From a cripple walking with difficulty with a cane, he developed gradually the ability to play a 51 or 52 game of golf. He is still pretty much tied up and the cold weather may bring trouble but on the whole matters are more encouraging now than for some time.

I suppose that Miss Saunders is on the ground by this time. I hope that she makes good - as I expect her to - in her new work.

Mrs. Cole joins me in sending regards to yourself and your mother, who we hope continues in good health.

Very sincerely,  
Arthur C. Cole.

October 18, 1917

Professor Arthur C. Cole  
University of Illinois  
Urbana, Illinois

Dear Cole:-

You will doubtless be interested to know that we have finally decided to appoint Mr. Charles E. Graves, exchange assistant of the University of Illinois library, to the position of Librarian of the Minnesota Historical Society.

I was very much interested in the statements about your position and work in your letter of October 6, and I have had most flattering reports about your work from two of the members of my staff. I have also seen the recent correspondence between yourself and Ford, which he sent on to White. I am sure that the Department thinks very well of you and will keep you in mind as the situation develops.

I am very glad to know that Alvord's health is so much improved and trust that the approaching cold weather will not give him a set back. Give him my best regards when you see him.

Miss Saunders seems to take hold of her work in a very satisfactory manner, and I believe that she will make good in the position.

Sincerely yours

219 Library Building  
October 18, 1917

Commissioner of the General Land Office  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Would it be possible for you to send me a copy of the latest edition of the Land Office map of the United States, showing the acquisition of land for the use of my class in American history at the University.

If you can do this, I assure you that the favor will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours

November 2, 1917

Commissioner of the General Land Office  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

I want to thank you for your  
courtesy in sending in response to my re-  
quest one of the large wall maps illus-  
trating the expansion of the United States,

This map is now hung in my class  
room and I am sure that it will be ex-  
tremely useful in our work.

Very truly yours

July 26, 1917

Dr. R. D. W. Connor  
North Carolina Historical Commission  
Raleigh, N. C.

My dear Mr. Connor:-

I want to thank you for the copy of the leaflet issued by the Historical Committee of the North Carolina Council for Defense. This contains a number of suggestions which will be helpful to us and I would very much like to receive four or five additional copies if they are available.

What has become of the project of the National Board for the preparation of an article ~~or~~ a handbook on the general subject of the collection of all material of value ~~on~~ the history of our participation in the war? It seems to me that something of this sort ought to be done. Why would it not be feasible for you or Leland to write a comprehensive article on this subject of a general character, and then let it be published in the local historical magazines throughout the country? Besides historical societies and members thereof, public libraries ought to be urged to collect and preserve war material.

I enclose copies of forms which will illustrate one ✓ of our activities. You may have seen some of these which were sent to other members of the National Board.

Sincerely yours

AUG 2 1917

# The North Carolina Historical Commission

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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July 30, 1917.

Dr. Solon J. Buck,  
St. Paul, Minn.

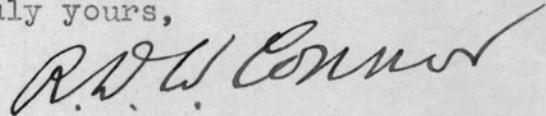
Dear Dr. Buck:

Enclosed are half a dozen copies of my leaflet on the Historical Committee of the North Carolina Council of Defense. I am obliged to you for the two circulars which you enclosed in your letter of the 26th inst.

When I left Washington last, the understanding was that Leland would prepare a general handbook on the subject of collecting historical material relating to the war. For that reason I delayed getting out my leaflet. Up to now I have heard nothing from him on the subject.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,



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June 26, 1916.

Dr. Solan J. Buck,  
University of Minnesota,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Buck:

A manuscript entitled The Conquering of the Wilderness, An Historical Narrative of Exploration and Progress, has been submitted to us by Frank B. Harper of St. Paul. It is made up from original documents - diaries, letters, etc. There is enough material to make at least two large volumes.

Can you tell me anything about Harper? I have an idea from his letter that he is a newspaper man.

Hoping to hear from you and with kind regards, I am

Sincerely,

*F. S. Crofts*

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July 7, 1916

Mr. F. S. Crofts  
353 Fourth Ave.,  
New York City

My dear Crofts:-

I have delayed answering your letter of June 26 inquiring about Frank B. Harper of St. Paul, in hopes that I might secure some information about him. I have not succeeded, however, in finding out any more about him than is given in the Directory where he is listed as a "Solr."-- solicitor, I suppose.

Should I learn anything further of interest about him in the near future, I will gladly let you know.

Sincerely yours

March 11, 1916

Superintendent of Schools

Crosby, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your request of March 8 for information about Miss Greenwald. As such matters are now handled by the University of Minnesota through its committee on appointments, and as I have already furnished to this committee a statement about Miss Greenwald, I am forwarding your blank to the committee.

Very truly yours

930 Eleventh St, Miami, Florida.  
May, 8, 1916.

Professor of History,  
Minnesota University,  
Minneapolis,  
Minnesota.

Dear Sir :

We are seeking a complete and readable history of the United States for our city library. Would you be kind enough to give us the names of those you considered best?

Thanking you for your suggestions, I am,

Yours very sincerely,  
Mabel Rosem Cushman.

May 16, 1916

Mrs. Mabel Rorem Cushman  
930 Eleventh St.,  
Miami, Florida

Dear Madam:-

I am asked to reply to your letter of May 8 addressed to "Professor of History, Minnesota University".

The best comprehensive history of the United States at the present time is the American Nation, edited by Albert Bushnell Hart, and published by Harper Brothers in twenty-seven volumes. This was published some ten or twelve years ago and costs about fifty dollars. Assuming that you might prefer a less expensive and extensive work, I can freely recommend the Riverside History, edited by Professor W. E. Dodd and published by Houghton, Mifflin & Co. This work is in four volumes, each by a special student of his period and sells for \$1.75 a volume. It was published last year.

For single volume works, I would recommend A Short History of the United States by Professor J. S. Bassett and The Development of the American Nationality by Professor Carl R. Fish. The first is more comprehensive, but the latter is more readable. Professor Fish's book begins at the close of the Revolution and it is expected that

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a companion volume will be issued in the near future dealing with the colonial period. This will be the work of Professor Evarts B. Greene.

I hope that this information will be of service to you.

Very truly yours

Assistant Professor of History, University of  
Minnesota.

December 14, 1917

Mr. James Davies  
Campus Club  
University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Mr. Davies:-

The Campus Club notice dated December 11, and announcing the lunch talk by Mr. Koenig for the next day reached me on the afternoon of December 12, so that it was impossible for me to attend. Several other members of the club told me Wednesday afternoon and evening, that they had received no notice whatever.

If the social events are to be a success, it seems to me that something ought to be done to insure the receipt of notices by all the members at least two days before the event, in order that they can make their plans accordingly.

I note that you have scheduled Mr. Tyler's talk for Wednesday, December 19, although it was our understanding that this was not to come until after the holidays, and I so stated to him when I asked him to give the talk. I have no objections, of course, to the change, but I think that Mr. Tyler should have been consulted before it was made. He was considerably surprised at the announcement and jumped on me with both feet. I will appreciate it if you will explain to him at the first opportunity that I was not responsible for the mix up.

I trust you will pardon one other suggestion, and that is that it would be well on announcements to state specifically the time at which entertainment programs are to begin.

Sincerely yours

JUL 13 1916

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July 11, 1916.

My dear Dr. Buck:

I have your letter of July 5th. We appreciate your having accepted the appointment tendered you by this Association as a member of the DIVISION OF HISTORIC HIGHWAYS. Prof. Archer B. Hulbert, Chairman of the Division, will likewise be personally pleased by your acceptance.

In connection with the work of this Association please remember that we court suggestions and criticism of our work for it is only by the free and open discussion and expression of opinion of all those interested in the work that the same can be improved.

We are sending to you, under another cover, by insured parcel post, a nickel eagle of this Association No. 2197 which we hope you will place on the radiator cap of your automobile. If not convenient to be placed there it can be mounted on a plain right-angled brass strip bracket screwed to the dash of your automobile, or, if you prefer to use it as a paper weight it can be mounted on a small wooden block at your discretion and according to your wishes. In any event please accept same with the compliments of the Association and in appreciation of your interest and cooperation in connection therewith.

Yours very truly,

*Charles W. Davis*  
President

Dr. Solon J. Buck, Member  
DIVISION OF HISTORIC HIGHWAYS  
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National Highways Association  
c/o Minnesota Historical Society  
Saint Paul, Minnesota

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July 15, 1916

Mr. Charles H. Davis  
National Highways Association  
South Yarmouth, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of July 11 and also of the nickel eagle of the National Highways Association which I will be very glad, indeed, to have placed on the radiator cap of my automobile as suggested in your letter.

I appreciate very much your courtesy in sending this to me with the compliments of the association.

Very truly yours

December 13, 1916

Mr. E. P. Davis, President Harvard Club  
1944 Goodrich Ave.,  
St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Mr. Davis:-

The receipt of a letter from Roger Pierce with reference to the Harvard Commission on Western History reminds me to do something which I have been intending to do for some time, and that is to ask you to appoint some one else as chairman of our committee to cooperate with the Commission on Western History.

I should be very glad to serve on the committee, but there are two reasons why I do not believe it advisable for me to act as chairman. In the first place I am very busy and not very well acquainted in St. Paul as yet, and consequently would find it difficult to make arrangements for a meeting of the committee. Secondly, my first obligation, of course, is to the Minnesota Historical Society and any material of the sort desired by the Commission which should come to my attention, I would feel that I ought to secure for the Minnesota Historical Society.

I do not believe that there should be any jealousy or rivalry between institutions in this matter of collecting material, the important thing being to get it somewhere where it will be preserved. When our new building is completed, we expect to install a photostat and I am in hopes then that it will be possible for us to send facsimile copies of much of our more important material to Harvard in exchange for similar copies of some of their material of local interest.

Mr. Pierce, in his letter, states that a list of duplicates is being compiled for the Commission and suggests that arrangements for exchange be made with local libraries in the West. In this way also I am in hopes that we may cooperate with the Commission.

I enclose the letter and a pamphlet received from Mr. Pierce and would suggest that you forward them to the new chairman of the committee. I trust that you will understand my position in this matter.

Very truly yours

426 Lincoln Hall,  
Urbana, Illinois,  
April 25, 1916.

Professor William Sterns Davis,  
University of Minnesota,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Davis:

Thanks for the circular advertising "Peace Sonnets." I do not believe I will purchase the book, although I try to maintain a receptive attitude toward literature on both sides of the question.

I have stopped off for a day in Urbana, on my way to Nashville to attend the meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association.

Cordially yours,

SJB:MJ

May 28, 1917

Professor W. S. Davis  
109 Library Building  
University of Minnesota, Minneapolis

My dear Mr. Davis:-

The oral examination of  
Miss Lucetta Bissell for the masters' degree  
will take place next Wednesday, May 30, at  
nine A. M. in room 218, Library Building.

According to the instructions issued from  
the office of the graduate school, the examin-  
ing committee consists of the thesis committee,  
the instructors with whom the candidate has  
taken work, and the chairman of the major de-  
partment.

Very truly yours

June 15, 1917

Professor William Stearns Davis  
c/o Mr. Luther Maddock  
Boothbay Harbor, Maine

Dear Davis:-

I had expected to see you again before you left, but was called upon to go to Mora to make a speech on Tuesday, and when I got back I found that you had departed.

I still have the copy of your speech which you prepared for the Anoka meeting. Do you want me to send this to you there or shall I keep it until you return? The meeting at Mora was similar in purpose to the one at Anoka, but it was much better managed, and the Opera House in which it was held, was packed full; about six hundred I should judge.

Sincerely yours



Clam Rock Cottage  
BOOTHBAY HARBOR  
Maine.

July 29/17

Dear Buck:

I should have acknowledged your kind letter long ago.

That famous "Anoka" speech of mine served its due purpose (before that vast audience!) and you need not bother to return it. I am about to deliver a similar harangue before the local Red Cross society here, but I can fake up something else that will serve better.

I wish that I might be able to have your company on some of the trips by sea and water here this summer. This is a dradfully peaceful spot, no signs of war save an infrequent patrol boat and the absence of the ~~usual~~ usual swarm of pleasure yachts. So many young men of the town have however enlisted in the navy or army that very few are going to be taken at the 1st. call of the draft.

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I am getting myself in pretty good shape physically, so that if needs comes I can take the place of some Russian "ally" who seems historically to have gone back on us. Just at present however my main method of fighting seems probably to result in a kind of "History of Modern Europe in ~~our~~ words of one syllable" - simple enough and if possible interesting enough to be ~~to~~ read by men in the training camps and explain to them <sup>original</sup> the causes of the big shindy.

I could not use the Becker article you provided me, in the little speakers pamphlet, for when we came to make up the topics and adjust them to the space required, we found that merely to print the stuff which had been specially written as per request would take ~~more~~ much more room than anticipated - besides I knew the Becker spiel would get printed anyway and ~~we~~ very many people getting the pamphlet would get your magazine also - but I was real sorry to have to leave it out.

9 pages you will contain to permit yourself a decent vacation. You find I am.

The University of Minnesota  
College of Science, Literature, and the Arts  
Minneapolis

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

Oct. 17, 1917.

Mr. Buck:

Dean Johnson of the Arts College has laid upon me the duty of canvassing the teaching staff of the History Department for subscriptions for the Liberty Loan. The Administration of the University expresses the hope that as many members of the faculty as possible will subscribe ten per cent of their annual salaries. I enclose, herewith, blanks, one of which I hope you will be able to fill in. I will try to see you personally between now and Saturday noon, but in any case

*(tns)* I hope these blanks can be returned to me before the end of the week. In case you have subscribed already through some outside institution or bank, please give me a memorandum of this, in order that the University may be credited with its full share of the Liberty Loan.

Very sincerely yours,

William Strang Davis

November 13, 1917

Professor William S. Davis  
University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Mr. Davis:-

I enclose herewith a circular with reference to a contest open to the teachers in the public schools of Minnesota in the writing of essays on the subject "Why the United States is at War". The money for the prizes has been donated by Mr. John Crosby of Minneapolis, who desires, however, that this fact be not made public.

It is the intention of the National Board for Historical Service that these essays shall be judged by two committees of three members each; that is a committee for each of the two groups in which the prizes are offered. It is important that men be selected to act as judges in whom the teachers engaged in the contest will have absolute confidence. The National Board has delegated to me the task of making the selection, and I have the honor of requesting you to serve as one of these judges.

I am quite sure that you will be willing to perform this service if it is possible for you to do so. Should the number of essays turned in be very large, it would doubtless be possible to arrange for part of them to be weeded out by assistants under the direction of the judges.

Sincerely yours

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
WASHINGTON

July 3, 1917.

Mr. S. J. Buck,  
418 Lincoln Hall,  
Urbana, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Buck:

I have requested sent to you a copy of the Year  
Book for 1916, which I trust you will receive and find  
of interest.

Very sincerely yours,

*Carl Prooman*

Assistant Secretary.

*[Faint handwritten signature]*

July 17, 1917

Mr. Carl Vrooman, Ass't. Secretary  
Department of Agriculture  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Vrooman:-

Your note of July  
3rd informing me that you had sent a  
copy of the Year Book for 1916 to me,  
was forwarded from Urbana, Illinois.  
The book has not reached me yet but I  
appreciate very much your courtesy in  
remembering me in this way.

Sincerely yours,

May 22, 1917

Professor E. Dana Durand  
University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mr. Durand:-

Have you any idea what has become of the batch of Phi Beta Kappa bills which I turned over to you for approval some time ago? The bill for the dinner which I sent to you later by University mail, was received back and has been paid, but I have seen nothing of the other bills since I gave them to you.

Bussey is getting quite excited because some of the people who did clerical work for him have not been paid.

Sincerely yours

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July 16, 1917

Professor E. D. Durand  
629 Fifth St., S.E.,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Durand:-

Will you please O.K. the  
*enclosed* following bill, and return it to me for ✓  
payment, at your early convenience?

The decorations were arranged for by  
William Anderson of the committee in  
charge, and the item is correct.

Sincerely yours,

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August 3, 1917

Professor E. D. Durand  
University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mr. Durand:--

I enclose herewith my check for \$7.50 ✓  
payable to the University Golf Club for the second half  
of the dues for the current year as requested in your  
letter of July 30. I am very glad, indeed, to help out  
to this extent.

I enclose also a second bill from ✓  
Whitted for table decorations for the Phi Beta Kappa  
banquet. Please O. K. this and return it to me at  
your early convenience.

Sincerely yours

My acquaintance with Mr. Fieldhouse and his work is not very extensive. He is taking a course in history which I am giving at the University of Minnesota and has begun the preparation of a master's thesis under my direction. He seems to have considerable ability and makes a good impression. I am inclined to believe that he will be a successful teacher.

I do not know.

I do not know.

February 26, 16

Assistant Professor of History,  
University of Minnesota

426 Lincoln Hall,  
Urbana, Illinois,  
April 25, 1916.

Professor H. D. Funk,  
Macalester College,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Professor Funk:

Mr. Laurence Hurst of the University of Colorado writes me that he is applying for a position for a fellowship in Macalester College. Mr. Hurst was a student of mine a number of years ago at Indiana University, and has since, I believe, taken a master's degree at Wisconsin and spent a year at Illinois after I left. As I remember him he was a very good student and Professor Alvord tells me that he did good work here at Illinois. I believe that you would make no mistake in selecting him. His letter reached me just as I was leaving Minneapolis for the meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association in Nashville. I stopped off here to see some of my friends, and seized this opportunity to write you as I will not be back for a week.

Sincerely yours,

SJB:MJ